



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Health Services  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller

At its meeting held November 8, 2005, the Board took the following action:

59-A

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The Department of Health Services informed the Board that it is conducting an investigation into an allegation that a nurse manager at Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center was selling Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification cards to other employees without them taking the class or exam. If this allegation proves true, it has once again put County patients at Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center at risk.

“To protect County patients at Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center and the public, it is vital to determine who purchased these cards to ensure that medical clinicians and other staff have training in the latest CPR techniques. Further, since the incident occurred in August, the Director of Health Services must account for the delay in reporting it to the Board.”

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Board.

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Directed the Director of Health Services to report back in one week with a detailed plan of how the Department will ensure that caregivers at Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center have competent CPR skills including what steps the Department plans to initiate to improve the oversight and monitoring of certification courses in County facilities, and explain the delay in reporting the incident to the Board; and
2. Directed the Auditor-Controller, the Health Department's Health Authority Law Enforcement (HALT) Team, and County Counsel to work with the District Attorney's office to identify the possibility of a criminal filing in this case.

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